

Recheck the setups and calculations you see.
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Part 1, calculate the original acid concentration.

60.0 mL of pH 4.500 solution. How much water must be added to raise pH to 5.500?

$$10^{-4.500} = 3.16227766 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

$$K_a = 1.50 \times 10^{-6}$$

	[HA]	[H ⁺]	[A ⁻]
Initial	[HA] ₀	0	0
Change	-3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵	+3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵	+3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵
Equilibrium	[HA] ₀ - 3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵	3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵	3.16227766 × 10 ⁻⁵

$$K_a = [H^+][A^-]/[HA]$$

$$1.50 \times 10^{-6} = (3.16227766 \times 10^{-5}) * (3.16227766 \times 10^{-5}) / ([HA]_0 - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$1.50 \times 10^{-6} = (1.00 \times 10^{-9}) / ([HA]_0 - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-5})$$

$$(1.50 \times 10^{-6}) * ([HA]_0 - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-5}) = (1.00 \times 10^{-9})$$

$$(1.50 \times 10^{-6}) * ([HA]_0) - (4.74341649 \times 10^{-11}) = (1.00 \times 10^{-9})$$

$$(1.50 \times 10^{-6}) * ([HA]_0) = (1.047434165 \times 10^{-9})$$

$$[HA]_0 = 6.982894433 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

$$[HA] = 6.982894433 \times 10^{-4} - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-5} = 6.666666667 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$$

Part 2, calculate the amount of water in the final solution.

$$10^{-5.500} = 3.16227766 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$$

$$K_a = 1.50 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$V_0 = 60.0 \text{ mL} = 0.0600 \text{ L}$$

$$\text{moles HA} = 0.0600 \times 6.66666667 \times 10^{-4} = 4.00 \times 10^{-5}$$

V = volume final solution

	[HA]	[H ⁺]	[A ⁻]
Initial	$4.00 \times 10^{-5} / V$	0	0
Change	$-3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$	$+3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$	$+3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$
Equilibrium	$4.00 \times 10^{-5} / V - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}$

$$K_a = [H^+][A^-]/[HA]$$

$$1.50 \times 10^{-6} = (3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}) \times (3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}) / (4.00 \times 10^{-5} / V - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-6})$$

$$1.50 \times 10^{-6} = (1.00 \times 10^{-11}) / (4.00 \times 10^{-5} / V - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-6})$$

$$(1.50 \times 10^{-6}) \times (4.00 \times 10^{-5} / V - 3.16227766 \times 10^{-6}) = (1.00 \times 10^{-11})$$

$$(6.00 \times 10^{-11} / V) - (4.7434164 \times 10^{-12}) = (1.00 \times 10^{-11})$$

$$(6.00 \times 10^{-11} / V) = (1.47434 \times 10^{-11})$$

$$1/V = 0.2457233333$$

$$V = 4.06961759 \text{ L}$$

$$V - V_0 = 4.0096 \text{ L}$$